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Iuey DeMotto and William Light with the West Virginia Division of Highways (DOH) visited Grandpa's Pantry food store, near Marvin Chapel, in February and told proprietor Lois Mamak she had to remove her signs on Route 219. Light is a division chief with the DOH Charleston office and DeMotto works out of the Elkins office.

Mamak, a former state employee, said Light acted in an unprofessional manner.

"Mr. Light was incredibly rude and intimidating," she said. "A lot of it was the attitude they came in with. He said,

'well, these small businesses on these side roads never do make it. I saw your signs last year but I didn't bother with you because I didn't figure you'd be here this year.' That's just about a direct quote from him. I was somewhat insulted because he doesn't have any idea whether my business is going broke or making money. But I work hard at it and I thought it was very unprofessional."

Mamak said Light told her the DOH would be "hard on her" if she was difficult.

Mamak told the officials that removing the signs would put her out of business. Light and DeMotto told her

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THE WEST VIRGINIA Division of Highways (DOH) ordered Lois Mamak, the proprietor of Grandpa's Pantry, to remove her business signs on Route 219 by May 6 or face fines as much as \$500. G. Hamill photo

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A large rectangular wooden sign with a dark brown border. The sign features a photograph of a large, multi-story lodge with a stone chimney and a blue roof. To the left of the lodge, the text "MOUNTAINTOP LODGING" is written in white capital letters. Below this, the "SNOWSHOE MOUNTAIN" logo is displayed, featuring a blue square with a white mountain peak and the words "SNOWSHOE" and "MOUNTAIN" in white. To the right of the lodge, a black arrow points to the right, containing the text "TURN HERE - 11 MILES" in white capital letters. The sign is supported by several wooden posts and is situated in a grassy area with trees in the background.



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